

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

Things are starting to ramp up at the club.

Thanks to all the people that came out Thursday to repair the back boards on the ranges!!

At the last membership meeting we discussed members using the ranges for training. It was determined that it violates our 501C4 non-profit status and all training done at the club will be only COSC programs by COSC trainers. NO exceptions! If you are caught holding training classes or are a part of a CPL class on the club property your membership WILL BE TERMINATED... NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please be safe and courteous while out on the ranges and adhere to shooting hours!

Ralph Batten

- COSC is a family-friendly gun and archery club in Dimondale, Michigan promoting the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery activities in the Mid-Michigan area.

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Mission

To promote the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery activities in the Mid-Michigan area.

COSC Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and materials, forests, waters, and wildlife.

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MAY dates to note:

1 – 7 yard orientation 9AM
4 – Ladies Ladies Ladies 6:30PM
10 - Member Meeting 7PM
6, 13, 20, 27 – Thursday trap 9AM & 5PM
8, 22 – Cowboy Action 8AM
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Sunday trap 12PM

MEMBERSHIP GUESTS

The Board of Directors voted that only TWO (2) guests are allowed per membership instead of six (6.)

7 YARD RANGE ORIENTATION

Any member who would like the orientation for the 7 yard range, we schedule the classes on the first Saturday of each month at 9AM. Remember your badge. See you there. Duane

NRA MEMBERSHIP INFO

When joining or renewing your NRA membership you can do so through COSC and here's how: As of Jan 7, 2021 the rates for one year and five year NRA memberships have returned to standard recruiter rates. One year \$35 and five years \$125. Please send the following info: Your name, mailing address, NRA membership number (if renewing,) the NRA magazine you prefer (choose one: American Rifleman, American Hunter, 1st Freedom, Shooting Illustrated) along with a check for dues payable to NRA Membership Dues mailed to: Kirk Ginther 737 Brenneman Potterville, MI 48876.) A receipt for dues will be mailed to you. By renewing your NRA membership through the club, \$6 of that renewal fee is returned to the club to promote and support youth and ladies trap shooting.

2021 TRAP PROGRAM

The Basic Shotgun class was cancelled for April 17th: we had 4 instructors ready to go but alas we had no one to instruct.

The Jr and Ladies summer program will begin on May 4th at 5:00PM and run all summer long ending on August 31st. We welcome new shooters even though they did not take the Basic Shotgun class. Every Tuesday night at 5:00PM our instructors will be there ready to help you be a better trap shooter.

Also, we have the shotguns for you to use (if you need) and we supply all the ammunition and clay targets at no cost to you. Let us get out of the house and have some fun.

LADIES LADIES LADIES

LLL is open to all ladies 18+ and you do not need to be a member of COSC. Please share with all the ladies you know. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Reid at 517-899-8434.

SHOOTING SPORTS

April started our shooting activities at COSC. Members are invited to join all shooting sports that are offered. We have members that can instruct and help you if you are interested in all shooting sports. We have Range Safety Officers (RSO) and instructors to help you in all disciplines, so come out and join the fun. Please check the monthly calendar for dates.

Duane Whaley 517-983-2637

GATE LOCK

Don't forget to use the new code instead of the old code. As **always**, please do not share the code with non-members, and don't forget to spin the numbers when you lock the gate behind you coming or going.

ARCHERY

Warm weather is back and it's time to get the archery gear out. We are continuing to update our 3D targets with 3 new ones this year, replacing the wolf, leopard and caribou. This has been a 5 year project to update our range to targets with manufacturers' replaceable centers, keeping with all ASA, IBO scoring rings.

Four new backstops were added along the west property line, for a total of twenty-five on our 3D range now. It's no fun to lose an arrow. I only found one lost arrow this spring when setting up. That's better than in seasons past. Remember, we still have a lost arrow barrel at the start of the 3D course.

The 3D archery course is a one-mile mowed nature trail loop that is there for everyone to use.

The 3D targets and backstops are NOT intended for firearms or crossbows.

Lots of wood chips have been brought in for use on the 3D course and around the club grounds.

If you are looking to get hours in for a club discount, there is plenty of work to do on all the ranges.

Steve McGarry 575-9511

COWBOY ACTION 2021

Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month April through October. Cowboy Action is open to the public as well as club members. There is a \$5 charge for each contestant. Cowboy Action consists of shooting with lever action rifles, single action handguns and either side by side double barrel shotguns (without ejectors) or Winchester model 1897 pump action shotguns. Centerfire and rim fire rifles and pistols are acceptable. We will mainly be shooting at steel targets though we may occasionally shoot paper targets. Centerfire and rim fire rifles and pistols are acceptable. If you are short on the proper equipment to start with, some members will be glad to loan you the proper equipment during the shoot.

Setup time is 8A-9A, shooting starts at 9A and is usually finished between 11A and noon.

Shooting dates for 2021 are May 8th and 22nd, June 12th and 26th, July 10th and 24th, August 14th and 28th, September 11th and 25th and October 9th and 23rd.

If you have any questions please call or text Ken Ecker (517-983-9195) or Mike Rhoads (517-643-5989.)

Current BOD approved range rules are included. PLEASE REVIEW:

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Range Rules

Rev. 03/22/21

- COSC is a non-profit club. No individual or member may make any kind of profit from use of the club or its ranges in any way.
 - COSC liability insurance only covers Board of Director-approved activities on our property.
 - Any persons bringing the shooting portion of any class to COSC without Board approval are subject to termination. The Board of Directors will provide a permission slip signed by the President.
 - Any persons violating these rules will be subject to termination of their membership.
1. No more than **two guests** allowed **per membership**. Members must remain with their guests at all times. Any member with guests must act as the RSO and may allow only **one guest** to shoot at a time.
 2. **Violation** of the rules can be grounds for **expulsion** from the Club.
 3. Exemptions to these rules may apply as permitted in Club-approved events.
 4. **Hours Open to Use:** 9:00 am to ½ hour **before sunset**, but not past 9:00 pm.
 5. You must have your **membership card** with you when on Club property.
 6. It is advisable to **close and lock the gate** when **shooting alone**.
 7. **Close and lock the gate** when **entering and exiting**. Last person to leave the club must **close and lock the gate**.
 8. **Uncased firearms** must be made safe: magazines removed, actions open with **open bolt (empty chamber) safety indicators inserted in chamber or barrel** of gun. These safety indicators must be **bright orange or bright yellow** and **easily visible** from all points on the firing line.
 9. Eye and ear protection is required within immediate vicinity when range is in use.
 10. **Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction.**
 11. **Always keep finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
 12. **Always keep guns unloaded until ready to shoot.**
 13. **No alcohol is allowed on the range.** Clean up shooting area before you leave: remove targets, pick up brass, etc.
 14. **No smoking** on the firing line or in posted safe areas when black powder is in use.
 15. **All shooting** must be done from in front of **the designated safety line (RED line)**. **No shooting at all from behind** the safety line.
 16. **Safety Flags** must be posted at the firing line. **Yellow** is to be hung before and whenever people go down range. Firearms are **not to be handled** when the **Yellow** flag is up. The **Red** flag must be hung **before firearms may be handled** and before shooting commences. Only ONE set of flags to be used at the 50/100/200 yard ranges. No handling or uncasing of firearms at the benches on any ranges if people are downrange of the benches. Even though the **Red** flag is displayed, you must wait until everyone is back at the benches before handling or uncasing firearms.
 17. Whenever an **unsafe condition** is observed, it is the obligation of that person to command an immediate **“CEASE FIRE”**. No shooting will commence until after the unsafe condition has been resolved.
 18. **All targets must be placed** at the bullet **impact berms**. Targets and target holders are not to be moved forward.
 19. **Only paper targets** may be used **on the target holders**. Targets are to be stapled to the target holder backing boards. Do not staple targets to posts or stringer boards.
 20. **Exploding targets** are **not allowed** nor used on Club property. No shooting at the ground. No Tannerite, bouncers, reactive targets, clay pigeons, cans, tiles, bricks, etc., are to be placed on the ground, or anywhere on the ranges and used as targets.
 21. **Metal stationary targets** which are **commercially made for target shooting** may be used **with Board approval**. **Falling Plates: Handguns only. Non-magnum rimfire and straight-wall pistol cartridges only. Caliber restrictions are posted at the plate range.**
 22. **No climbing** is allowed on the bullet impact berms.

23. **No “skying”** of firearms. This is the practice of holding the muzzle of the gun above the bullet impact berms before lowering it onto the target. An accidental discharge while taking aim in this manner will allow a bullet to leave the range.
24. Keep all **vehicles** out of the down range areas except during range maintenance or changing of targets during Club sanctioned events.
25. Use of **shotgun shells** loaded with **buckshot or birdshot** are **not to be used on the pistol and rifle target holders, only on the trap range.**
26. **Live rounds** may be disposed of in the **RED boxes** attached at various locations at the front of the covered firing lines.
27. **No spent cartridge cases** may be dumped **into the blue trash** containers or into the **club dumpster**. Dump **spent cartridge cases** in the **white buckets or take them home.**
28. **No .50 cal. BMG is to be fired on the range.**



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 7 yd range orientation 9AM
2 Trap 12PM	3	4 JR & Ladies trap 5PM LLL 6:30PM	5	6 Trap 9AM & 5PM W&G 730AM	7	8 Cowboy Action 8AM
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30 Trap 12PM	31 Memorial Day					

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